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STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

RICHARD KADREY, ET AL.,)
Individual and Representative)
Plaintiffs,) Lead Case No.
v.) 3:23-cv-03417-VC
META PLATFORMS, INC.,)
Defendant.)

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VIDEO-RECORDED 30 (b) (6) DEPOSITION OF
MICHAEL CLARK (torrenting)
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025
DENVER, COLORADO
10:20 A.M. MST

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1 A Not that I am aware of.

2 Q When did Meta's torrenting of Anna's
3 Archive end?

4 A In conversations with Xiaolan, it was
5 somewhere between April and June of 2024. And as far
6 as I know, those completed in June of 2024.

7 Q So Meta began torrenting in April and
8 completed its torrenting in June?

9 A For the work that Xiaolan was doing, yes.

10 Q So it was two months of torrenting --

11 MR. WEINSTEIN: Object. Object to form.

12 Q (BY MS. POUEYMIROU) -- or thereabouts?

13 A It was -- the job would be started and
14 then other pieces, so two months.

15 Q How many computers?

16 A There were -- I'd have to refresh my
17 conversation with Xiaolan. If I'm remembering
18 correct, it was six VPCs that were configured, but I
19 believe that is also reflected in the expert report
20 that I can go look at as well.

21 Q So six computers running in parallel were
22 torrenting data from Anna's Archive?

23 A Six machines were configured in order to
24 be able to tur -- to torrent. They were not always
25 running in parallel.

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1 Q (BY MS. POUEYMIROU) And to clarify,
2 Mr. Bashlykov was not involved in the torrenting of
3 Anna's Archive; is that right?

4 A To the best of my knowledge,
5 Mr. Bashlykov shared the script that he had used but
6 was not involved in the torrenting.

7 Q And so we've talked about Anna's Archive,
8 which encompasses Z-Lib -- or Z-Library, Internet
9 Archive, LibGen with respect to torrenting. Has Meta
10 torrented other data in this case for training data?

11 A Not that I'm aware of.

12 Q So it only has used BitTorrent for what I
13 will call shadow libraries?

14 MR. WEINSTEIN: Object to form.

15 A Could you define that term for me.

16 Q (BY MS. POUEYMIROU) A shadow library?

17 A Yeah.

18 Q We will look at a document where Meta
19 defines it in a second.

20 MS. POUEYMIROU: Is this Exhibit 8?

21 THE REPORTER: (Nodded.)

22 MS. POUEYMIROU: Okay. Thank you.
23 (Clark Exhibit 8, marked for
24 identification.)

25 Q (BY MS. POUEYMIROU) This is Meta

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1 or Facebook?

2 A That's a little -- that's a misstatement
3 of what I -- I -- it would be details about Meta's
4 internal infrastructure and IP addresses and any
5 other potential information that might be shared in
6 any of the header details, not just that it's a Meta
7 or Facebook IP.

8 Q But you're unable to identify any of the
9 information beyond the Meta IP address that would be
10 shared?

11 A The internal Meta IP address --

12 Q Okay.

13 A -- and any other internal details --

14 Q Okay.

15 A -- not just the external. Those are --
16 those are different.

17 Q And so at this point in time, April 2024,
18 Mr. Bashlykov's scripts for seeding already exists?

19 A That's correct.

20 MR. WEINSTEIN: Object to form.

21 Q (BY MS. POUEYMIROU) Right?

22 A (Deponent nodded.)

23 Q So why are they still worried about this
24 risk?

25 MR. WEINSTEIN: Object to form, calls for

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3 COUNTY OF DENVER)

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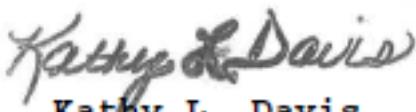
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